

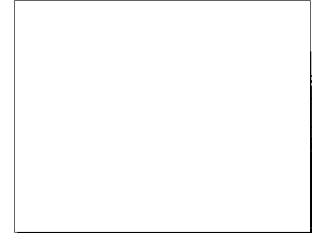
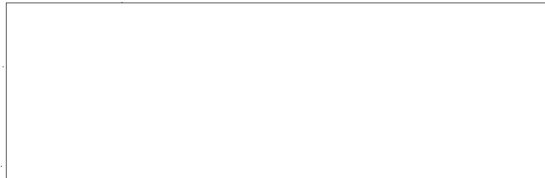
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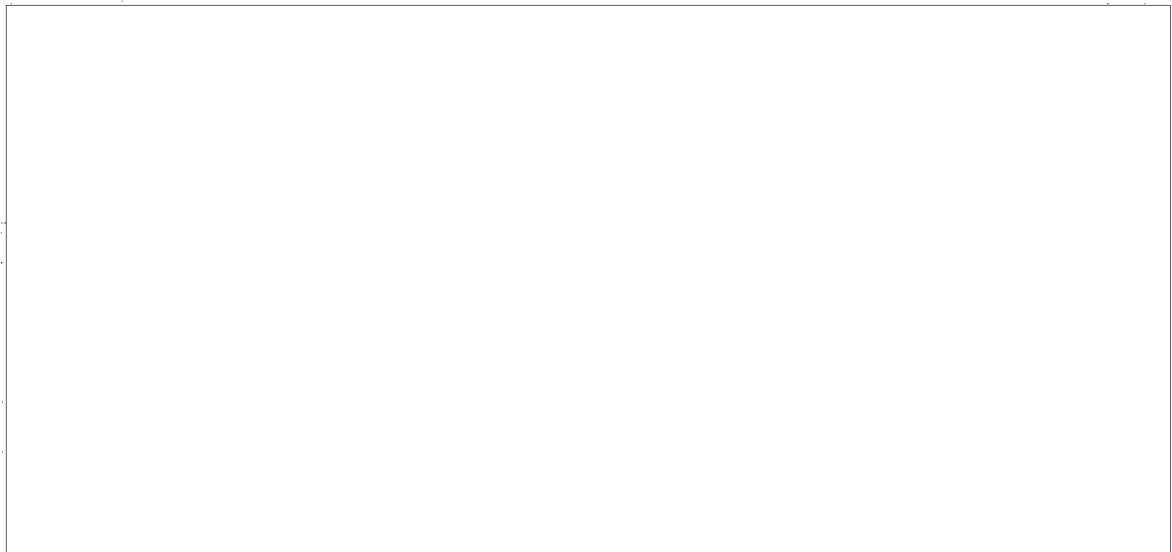
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Regulations on Issue

2. "Any Albanian citizen who has reached the age of 14 must apply for a Leter-Njoftimi. Up to the age of 14, a Birth Certificate serves as official identification. The Leter-Njoftimi is issued by the Seksioni Gjendies Civile (Civil Status Section) of the Executive Committee of the People's Board to which the citizen is responsible. At the time of issue, the applicant pays a fee of 50 Lek in taxation stamps. These stamps are affixed on the sixteenth page of his Leter-Njoftimi and 'annulled'. The Leter-Njoftimi must always be in the bearer's possession.

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Regulations on Loss

3. "If a person loses his Leter-Njoftimi, he must report the loss immediately to the Seksioni Gjendies Civile of the People's Board which issued him the card originally. He files a new, written application in which he explains the circumstances leading to the loss. Two witnesses must affirm his identity before the Civil Status official of the People's Board and affirm that he did possess a Leter-Njoftimi. A special board examines the application. It issues a duplicate Leter-Njoftimi. The citizen must pay a fine of 500 Lek.

Description of Document

4. "The Leter-Njoftimi is a booklet approximately 2 7/8 x 3 7/8 inches in size. The cover is made of red cardboard. The inside pages are a light rose color. The filigree design of this paper (for one looking through it) [watermark or as on a check??] contains the same insignia of the Albanian People's Republic as is used on the cover of the card; however, it is larger -- size unknown to us. The letters on the inside pages are printed in blue.
5. "The inscriptions on the cover and the insignia of the Albanian People's Republic are stamped on the cardboard in gold. The upper corners of the cover bear the initials V. F. and L. P., which stand for 'Death to Fascism' and 'Freedom to Peoples'. Then comes the inscription Republika Popullore Shqiptare ('People's Republic of Albania') and the insignia of the republic. The date on the insignia is 24 Maj 1944 (24 May 1944). Then comes the inscription Leter-Njoftimi and, at the bottom, Botimi Ministris P. Mbrenshme ('Ministry for Internal Affairs').
6. "Following is a translation of the contents of the inside pages. On the real card the pages are not numbered; they are numbered here for clarity.

Page 1 (Opposite front inside cover):

Serial Number (It is not known to us whether there is a secret numerical code to indicate an individual's degree of political reliability.)

Name and Surname. Followed by a photo of the bearer, sized approximately 1 5/8 x 1 5/8 inches. The photo is surrounded by the stamp of the People's Board. To the left is the signature of the bearer.

Signature of the Civil Status Officer of the People's Board.

Date of issue.

Another round stamp of the People's Board.

Page 2:

Name
Surname
Father's Name
Mother's Name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Nationality
Citizenship
Profession
Marital status
Religion
Address
Place of registration
Military service

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Page 3:

Husband's or wife's name
Number of children
Color of skin
Height
Color of eyes
Color of hair
Any special marks

Page 4:

TE NDRYSIME ('Changes')

This page is used to record any movements within Albania, according to the registration regulations for interior travel.

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It bears the signature and stamp of the appropriate officer of the Sigurimi Shtetit (Security Police office, ostensibly the Section of Internal Affairs) at the place of arrival and at the place of residence, upon return.

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Pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 15:

Same as Page 4.

Page 9:

The Civil Status official, when issuing the card, enters on this page the data on the personal file of the bearer: its registration numbers and the date of issue of the Identity Card. The stamp of the People's Board is affixed over the signature of the Civil Status Official.

Pages 10 and 11:

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Page 16:

SHENIM ('Regulations' on possession of the Letar-Njoftimi)

1. The Identity Card must always be in the possession of the bearer.
2. For any 'requests' the bearer must apply to the proper military and civilian bodies.
3. Loss of the Identity Card leads to a 500 Lek fine.

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